

Amendment
Serial No. 09/836,096

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REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds of rejection contained in the Office Action are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks. Base claims 1 and 4-5 have been amended, no new matter has been added. Support for amended claims 1 and 4-5 can be found at least in the Specification on page 2, line 20 through page 3, line 5. Claims 1-6 are pending herein.

Claims 1-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Wang et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,167,084).

Base claim 1 has been amended to recite (*inter alia*): ... wherein a regulation process uses quantization scales and the input compressed data signal to obtain the output bit rate, said method of controlling comprising : a step of computing an indicator of a compressed data quality for the respective transcoding channels, said indicator being computed from the input compressed data signal independent of the regulation process...

Base claims 4-5 recites similar limitations.

Applicants respectfully submit that Wang does not discloses, suggests, or provides a method or system that provides an indicator of a compressed data quality for the respective transcoding channels, said indicator being computed from the input compressed data signal independent of the regulation process. In particular, Wang uses a complexity measure for a frame that is the product of the quantization level, Q, used for the frame and the number of bits, R, generated for the frame by using the Q.

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Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that at least for the reasons indicated above, instant base claims 1 and 5 are patentable. With regard to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), the Court of Appeals for Federal Circuit has held that:

A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference.

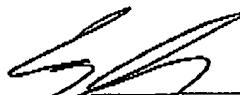
Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California, 814 F.2d 628,631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987).

In the present application, it is respectfully submitted that Wang fail to disclose each and every element as set forth in base claims 1 and 4-5.

For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all the present claims are patentable in view of the cited references. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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